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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA: TURKEY

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1. DCM CALLED ON MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT ACTING DIRECTOR DAG NOVEMBER 14 TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION. DRAWING ON REFTEL, DCM MADE REQUEST THAT TURKEY VOTE AGAINST ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND THAT IT CONTINUE SUPPORTING BOTH OUR RESOLUTION AND VOTING PRIORITY FOR OUR RESOLUTION.

2. IN HIS RESPONSE, DAG BEGAN BY PASSING ON THREE REASONS WHICH TURKISH PERMREP HAD REPORTED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR HIS DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE ONE:

A. BY ITS ATTENDANCE AT LIMA CONFERENCE, AND OTHER WAYS AS WELL, NORTH KOREA HAD BEEN SHOWING IT WAS TRYING TO TAKE MORE INDEPENDENT LINE. SUPPORT FOR IT ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT ENHANCE NORTH KOREA'S INCLINATION TO MOVE TOWARD NONALIGNMENT.
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B. TURKEY'S NEED FOR THIRD WORLD SUPPORT ON CYPRUS ISSUE.

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C. IT WAS CLEAR THAT BOTH RESOLUTIONS MIGHT WELL BE PASSED BY UNGA, AND THAT TURKEY'S VOTE WOULD NOT AFFECT BALANCE.

3. DCM COMMENTED THAT, AS REGARDS NORTH KOREA'S EDGING AWAY FROM PREVIOUS LINE, ITS RECENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD AUSTRALIA WAS EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY. WITH RESPECT TO CONNECTION WITH UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE, DCM NOTED THAT ACTION ON CYPRUS ISSUE PROBABLY WOULD BE FINISHED BEFORE PLENARY VOTE ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. HE ADDED THAT GOT'S CONTROVERSIAL VOTE IN FAVOR OF ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION HAD FAILED TO RALLY MUCH THIRD WORLD SUPPORT FOR TURKEY IN UN CYPRUS DEBATE. IN ANY EVENT, HE SUGGESTED, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR COUNTRIES TO VOTE FOR PRINCIPLES THEY SUPPORT RATHER THAN SEEKING TACTICAL ADVANTAGE.

4. DAG SAID FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL HAD RECENTLY TOLD ROK AMBASSA-DOR (AND HE, DAG, HAD TOLD JAPANESE MINISTER) THAT GOT WOULD STUDY ITS POSITION ON
ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. THIS STUDY WAS STILL CONTINUING, HE SAID. PART OF PROBLEM, HE SAID, WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO TIME TO DEAL WITH KOREAN QUESTION AS IT DESERVED PENDING CONCLUSION OF UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE, WHICH CURRENTLY HAD MFA'S ATTENTION FULLY OCCUPIED. HE ASSURED DCM THAT IN ANY EVENT GOT WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT U.S. ON ITS RESOLUTION AND PRIORITY QUESTION.
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